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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter, dated 27 February 1991, was addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Permanent Observer of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations. In accordance with the request contained in the letter, the text is being circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Letter dated 27 February 1991 from the Permanent Observer of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you the communiqué of 26 February 1991 of the Korean People's Army Supreme Command.

I request that this letter together with the enclosed communiqué of the Korean People's Army Supreme Command be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) PAK Gil Yon
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Enclosure

Communiqué of the Korean People's Army Supreme Command

A communiqué of the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army was published on 26 February 1991, the full text of which reads:

The United States and south Korean bellicose elements, defying the unanimous protest and denunciation of the entire Korean people and the world peace-loving people, have launched at last the adventurous "Team Spirit 91" joint military exercises this year, leading the situation on the Korean peninsula to the brink of war.

This is an intolerable challenge to our Republic and our people who are making sincere efforts for peace on the Korean peninsula and its peaceful reunification and is an intolerable criminal act to plunge the situation on the Korean peninsula again into a perilous vortex.

Owing to this reckless nuclear war game, the inter-Korean high-level talks and all other dialogues which had brought great expectations to the entire fellow countrymen and the peace-loving people of the world are in a serious crisis and our fair proposals and persevering efforts for national reunification, which indicated a bright future and dawn to the entire nation, face a challenge.

On the Korean peninsula, the sprouts of détente have disappeared and a very dangerous situation which might explode the powder magazine at any moment is prevailing.

The United States and the south Korean authorities repeatedly held war confabs from the end of last year, openly revealing their plan of the criminal "Team Spirit 91" joint military manoeuvres.

In accordance with the aggressive Korean policy of the United States, the south Korean puppets have strengthened the military fascist system to cope with a war time by launching a repressive campaign against the pro-reunification patriotic forces at the end of last year with the mobilization of numerous puppet troops, police, "reserve forces" and all other repressive forces, millions of men all told, under the specious cloak of "war against crimes".

From the beginning of the new year the United States, together with the puppets, has ceaselessly staged provocative joint war manoeuvres against us by introducing large quantities of the latest types of combat equipment and many nuclear-capable fighter-bombers and mass destruction weapons into south Korea from overseas and systematically committed all military provocations and espionage acts against the northern half of Korea.

The United States and the south Korean puppets have again flung down the gauntlet by starting nuclear war manoeuvres, ignoring even our compromising, sincere proposal that a nonaggression declaration be adopted between the north and

the south and they completely discontinue the aggressive "Team Spirit" joint military exercises or stop them for two to three years at least.

The current war exercises began by the deployment of forces at the end of January and will continue until late April, involving not only the United States forces present in south Korea and the puppet army but also the huge aggression forces stationed in the United States mainland and the Pacific.

To be staged in this period are such major operations as a combined landing operation, an aerial mobile strike operation, a river-crossing operation and a commando operation.

As already exposed, the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises are aggressive ones in view of their contents and their nature from A to Z. They are a preliminary war and a test nuclear war aimed at a surprise pre-emptive strike at the northern half of our Republic.

It is well known to the world that through their "Team Spirit" joint military exercises that have been staged annually since 1976 the United States and the south Korean authorities have already rounded off the preparations for an armed invasion against our Republic.

The adventurous "Team Spirit 91" joint military exercises being staged by the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets have brought dark clouds of nuclear holocaust to hang over the heads of our people and created an emergency situation in which a new war may break out in our country.

Today when the Gulf war broke out and it is escalating into a bloody scourge, no one can vouch that the "Team Spirit 91" joint military exercises may not go over to a real war.

The hysteric war racket of the United States and the south Korean puppets is aimed at unleashing a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula and blocking the way of peace and peaceful reunification there for good and destroying our Republic with strength.

Moreover, we cannot overlook the ill-boding moves of the United States and the south Korean puppets to abuse for a sinister purpose the imbalance of armed forces which has been created by our military reduction of 100,000 men which we have already carried out on our own initiative.

In the face of the grave situation in which a potential danger of a new war has been created in our country owing to the reckless military provocations of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army issued an order to the entire units of the three services of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces and all the members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards to keep themselves in full combat preparedness with a high degree of revolutionary vigilance.

The officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the People's Security Forces who are participating in peaceful economic construction have been ordered to be fully ready to go into emergency action at any moment.

This is a legitimate self-defensive step to cope with the new war provocation moves of the United States and the south Korean puppets.

The United States and the south Korean authorities must stop at once the aggressive "Team Spirit 91" joint military exercises, clearly mindful that there is a limit to our patient efforts.

Our people love peace and do not want confrontation and war.

Our Party and the Government of our Republic will make every possible effort to ease tension on the Korean peninsula and to create a precondition for peace and peaceful reunification.

If the United States and the south Korean puppets persistently follow the road of a war of aggression, mistaking our peace-loving efforts for a sign of weakness, our revolutionary armed forces and the entire Korean people will rise as one man and fight in defence of the inviolable socialist motherland and the precious gains of revolution.

The entire units of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces, the members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and the Young Red Guards and the entire people will defend the land, sea and sky of the motherland as firm as a rock by taking full combat readiness so as to smash any provocative move of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets in time with heightened revolutionary vigilance.
